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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009

(Item 3 (b))

Programme 13
International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice

1. At its 18th meeting, on 29 August 2006, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 13, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/61/6 (Prog. 13)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. General support and appreciation were expressed for the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) carried out through its various subprogrammes. Support was expressed for the proposed biennial programme plan under programme 13, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice.

4. Support and appreciation were expressed for the work carried out under the three pillars of the work programme of the Office as set out in paragraph 13.6 of the proposed biennial programme plan. It was observed that it was necessary to

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strengthen the research and analysis functions of the Office so as to buttress its position as an honest broker during discussions on policy matters.

5. It was emphasized that there was a need to strengthen the legal and practical frameworks against crime, drugs and terrorism. Moreover, the view was expressed that it was vital for Member States to be given adequate technical assistance to ensure the implementation of international instruments, including effective follow-up and monitoring. The need for the provision of technical assistance with regard to terrorism, which the programme is offering, was stressed.

6. Appreciation was expressed for ongoing regional cooperation efforts, with special reference to Central Asia, where UNODC was facilitating contact between Governments and experts. In this regard, support was expressed for the activities carried out by the regional coordination centre, and the practical results of the Second Ministerial conference on Drug Trafficking Routes from Afghanistan held in Moscow in June 2006, were welcomed.

7. With regard to subprogrammes 2, Services for policymaking and treaty adherence, and 3, Technical assistance and advice, the need for closer coordination and cooperation between UNODC and other United Nations bodies was expressed. The importance of effective coordination between the Counter-Terrorism Committee, the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and UNODC for effective monitoring and compliance by Member States was emphasized. It was also pointed out that under those subprogrammes, no clear reference had been made to cooperation and coordination with other United Nations programmes and agencies, including references to joint projects and activities with the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the areas of advocacy and education.

8. A view was expressed that there was a need for continued work on alternative development and that particular attention needed to be paid to the specific issues in transit countries.

9. The view was expressed that some of the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement needed further improvement and refinement.

Conclusions and recommendations

10. **The Committee reviewed the programme narrative of section 16, International drug control, crime prevention and criminal justice, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (see A/60/537) and recommended that the General Assembly approve the narrative.**

11. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 13, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed biennial programme plan subject to the following modifications:**

Overall orientation

Paragraph 13.3

Delete paragraph 13.3 and renumber the subsequent paragraphs.

Former paragraph 13.4

Revise former paragraph 13.4 to read: "13.3 The General Assembly, in its 2005 World Summit Outcome, clearly recognized organized crime and terrorism among the major security concerns. This has articulated clearly the strategic position of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime within the general nexus of development, security and human rights".

Former paragraph 13.5

Delete sub-item (g).

Subprogramme 3
Technical assistance and advice

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Add a new expected accomplishment (e) reading: "(e) Enhanced capacity of transit countries in their fight against illicit drug trafficking".

Indicators of achievement

Revise indicator of achievement (b) (iii) to read: "(iii) Increased assistance to national HIV/AIDS prevention and care programmes for drug users and to such programmes in prisons and for potential and actual victims of human trafficking".

Add a new indicator (b) (iv) reading:

"(iv) Increased assistance to more countries for the implementation of effective national action-oriented demand reduction strategies in order to achieve measurable results in the reduction of drug abuse".

Reletter indicator (c) as (c) (i) and add new indicators (c) (ii) and (iii) reading:

"(ii) Increased assistance to more countries for the implementation of effective sustainable illicit crop elimination strategies";

"(iii) Increased assistance to more countries for the implementation of action-oriented programmes aimed at achieving measurable results in their fight against illicit drug trafficking".

Reletter indicator (d) as (d) (i) and revise to read: "(i) Increased access of affected countries to advisory services and increased international assistance to affected countries to provide them with financial and technical assistance for alternative development programmes, including preventive alternative development, and the implementation of a sustainable livelihood".

Under indicator (d), add a new indicator (ii) reading: "(ii) Increased number of concerned countries assisted in providing alternative development assistance to farmers in need".

Add a new indicator (e) reading: "(e) Increased assistance to transit countries, upon request, to address their special needs in fighting against illicit drug trafficking".

Legislative mandates

Add the following Security Council resolution:

1624 (2005) Threats to international peace and security